MUR# 5980

This is a formal complaint addressing several violations committed by Chris Hackett for congress. All information required by the Federal Election Commission has been included with this formal complaint such as Complaintant information, violations committed and supporting documentation.

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Violations committed

As per regulations required by the Federal Election Commission (FEC), Chris Hackett has violated three (3) specific requirements laid out by the FEC. These violations are as follows:

Violation 1 Lack of statement of approval at the end of a television ad According to FEC regulations, "For both radio and television ads, the candidate must deliver an audio statement identifying himself or herself and stating that he or she has approved of the communication " Chris Hackett clearly did not state his "approval" of the message at the end of one of his television commercials. He simply stated "I'm Chris Hackett and this is my message" Aside from appearing on television, this commercial is viewable on (http://www.youtube.com) and on the Chris Hackett for Congress official campaign website (http://chrishackettforcongress.com/Media html). A digital version of this commercial is included with this complaint on a data cd

Violation 2 Printed communication disclaimer is not printed within a printed box According to FEC regulations, "In printed communications, the disclaimer must be printed within a printed box set apart from the contents of the communication." This printed communication violation is viewable in the photograph included with this complaint of the lit sign located outside of Chris Hackett for Congress' official campaign headquarters. In the photograph, the disclaimer "PAID FOR BY CHRIS HACKETT FOR CONGRESS" is visibly not printed within a printed box.

Violation 3 Printed communication disclaimer is not clearly readable by recipients of the communication

In this violation the disclaimer at the bottom of the sign is not clearly readable to recipients of the communication. According to FEC regulations, "The print of the disclaimer must be of sufficient size to be "clearly readable" by the recipient of the communication, and the print must have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the printed statement 110 11©(2)(ii) and(iii) Black text in 12-point font on a white background is one way to satisfy this requirement for printed material measuring no more than 24 inches by 36 inches." This printed communication violation can be seen on the yard sign included with this complaint.

Person(s), Committee(s) and/or Group(s) involved in committing violations Chris Hackett for Congress 23 Dallas Shopping Center Dallas, PA 18612 (570) 255-2008

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**Supporting Documentation** 

Included with this formal complaint are three (3) materials to confirm these violations. These materials are as follows

- 1 A data CD containing a video clip of an aired commercial
- 2 A photograph of Chris Hackett's campaign headquarters lit sign

3 A campaign yard sign

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